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1. WHATEVER MOTIVATION MIGHT BE FOR THEIR SOMEWHAT SURPRISING PROPOSAL TO MOVE UP CIVAIR DISCUSSIONS, WE DO NOT BELIEVE TALKS WITH SOVIETS IN JUNE WOULD BE USEFUL. SINCE TALKS WILL FOCUS TO LARGE EXTENT ON FUTURE PATTERNS AND LEVELS OF SERVICE IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO HAVE SOME EXPERIENCE WITH EXPANDED LEVELS OF SERVICE THIS SUMMER ON WHICH TO BASE DECISIONS CONCERNING FUTURE SERVICES (IT SHOULD BE NOTED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT ON BASIS OF TRAFFIC DATA NOW AVAILABLE, WE WOULD HAVE TO CONCLUDE THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRESENT LEVELS OF AIR SERVICES ARE ADEQUATE TO PRESENT AND

LIKELY FUTURE MARKET CONDITIONS.)

- 2. EMBASSY SHOULD RESPOND TO SAMORUKOV'S FORMAL PROPOSAL ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:
- A) THE US IS CONSIDERING THE SOVIET PROPOSALS WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN INTERGOVERNMENTAL CIVAIR TALKS;
- B) IN THE MEANTIME THE US BELIEVES THAT A NECESSARY PREREQUISITE TO MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS IS TRAFFIC DATA COVERING A SIGNIFICANT PORTION (E.G. AT LEAST HALF) THE SUMMER 1975 SEASON AND THAT TALKS IN EARLY JUNE WOULD THEREFORE BE PREMATURE; AND
- C) THE US WILL MAKE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS CONCERNING TIME AND SUBSTANCE OF CIVAIR TALKS IN DUE COURSE. KISSINGER

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